

# The Dead Horse

September 2009

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Newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

## "Oh to be .... pestilence free!"

Quote from our Aug 17 th meeting, officiated by Ranger Randy Victory: "Warning about a viral epidemic involving grasshopper bites or scratches. Virus is now primarily in New Mexico, but has been reported as close as Gallup. Symptoms include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and a thin mucous over the eyes upon waking. Symptoms last 3-7 days." The room was a-buzz with volunteers sharing their fears of what grasshoppers they had seen recently ... until snickering from the front ... our leader of the moment ... burst out laughing in hysterics ... "GOT YOU!" he proclaimed. OUCH!

photo submitted by Nan Hephner

## No More Splitting Headaches!!

Due to the recent closing of Phelps & Sons Truss Company the DHRSP Volunteer Wood Program was on the verge of shutting down. However, due to a "split" decision made by our summer volunteers, a motion was passed to donate a 6hp, 27 ton, hydraulic wood splitter to the park. "The campers seem to enjoy the 'natural' logs more than the cut lumber," says volunteer Frank Larramore. "If we have both types of wood available at our site, the campers usually choose the natural logs." Thank you again DHRSP volunteers!! We couldn't do it without you!!

submitted by Ranger Eric

The wood was donated by the Sedona golf course, maintenance manager, Pat. Volunteers take the trailer over and the course maintenance people load the wood with a front loader. There is more for the taking. The splitter was purchased at Lowes in Prescott. Bob Akey and Tom Sanor drove over and towed it back.

submitted by Bob Akey



## Moooovin On!



On August 6th, at 5:30 pm, a Going-Away Party was held at Frank & Rose Larramore's site. Rose served up Chili and a Nachos Bar for all. The party was held to honor our volunteers Tom & Pam Sanor (left on August 15th) and John & Pat Pauly (who will be leaving the end of August). Rose said, "This is one of the largest turnouts we've ever had. And, most people brought food, so we had tons to eat. Rangers and all showed up."

## Verde River Days Sept 26th - 27th

Get ready for the Verde River Days! Everyone knows they will be doing double time this year, because of the cutbacks on the seasonal help. **DHRSP will be looking for volunteers in the neighborhood to come and lend a hand to help make this a great day (you know who you are).**

This year there will be Free admission on Sat; the Rubber Ducky Race by the Rotary Club; the ponds will be stocked with Catfish; we will be treated to Frybread cooked by Rose and Jack, starting at 10 am (last year they cooked breakfast for us); Civil War Reenactments and much more.



## Monsoon Sunset



## Pics of DHRSP Residents



Giant Swallowtail



Redwing Black Bird

Prints on the bottom of the river near the Cabins



# Volunteer News

## Coming & Goings

- \* John & Pat Pauly (Cabin Hosts) are leaving August 31st, to volunteer at Red Rock SP (Rumor has it they might still come to Happy Hour on Thursdays).
- \* Seldon "Bob" & Ann Nason will be hosting the Cabins September 1st.
- \* Ken & GiGi House will be leaving the end of September.
- \* Welcome Jake Pratt, new off-site park volunteer. We really need you!

## Dates to Remember

### August

31 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

### September

7 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

26-27 - Verde River Days

21 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

## September Milestones

(Birthdays & Anniversaries)

2-James Dunn

4-Keith Mangels

19-Tom and Anne Howe (1964)

21-Patrick Rhoads

22-Mr and Mrs Bob Forrest (1956)

22-Bud Jenkins

24-Bill LaFleur

25-Emmo Oltmanns

27-John & Wanda Ward (1969)

28-George Christianson

## Prayers Needed

Manager Les Bovee will be having surgery on his eyes on Sep 1st.

## Rumor Has It??

At the Aug 17th meeting, Ranger Randy offered to powerwash the volunteers Motorhomes. Thank you Randy!

## Who Knows This One?



## Last Month's Who Knows This One?

Datura stramonium comes from the family Solanaceae, the potato or nightshade family. Many names have been given to this plant including: Jimson Weed, Locoweed, Angel's Trumpet, Thorn Apple, Mad Apple, Stink Weed, Sacred Datura, Green Dragon, and Devil's Trumpet.



What a great article about Dave and Barb. They truly are a valuable resource to the park. I'd love to be able to sit in on a campfire lecture by either one of them.

They have such great stories and are so knowledgeable about the history in the area. Maybe one day soon I'll be back and can partake of such a presentation by them. Keep up the great work on a wonderful resource, the Newsletter.

dougp, from Skagway Alaska...

## Identification Guides For Rare Bumble Bees

The Xerces Society has developed pocket identification guides to help detect the rare and declining bumble bee species *Bombus occidentalis*, *Bombus affinis*, and *Bombus terricola*. These guides include illustrations of similar species found in the ranges of each of the above species.

\*the western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*, western U.S. and Canada)

[http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/occidentalis\\_pocketid.pdf](http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/occidentalis_pocketid.pdf)

\*the rusty-patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*, upper midwest and eastern U.S., eastern Canada)

[http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/affinis\\_pocketid.pdf](http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/affinis_pocketid.pdf)

\*the yellowbanded bumble bee (*Bombus terricola*, upper midwest and eastern U.S., eastern Canada)

[http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/terricola\\_pocketid1.pdf](http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/terricola_pocketid1.pdf)

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## Wild Food & Flowers Workshops With Patty West

August 27th- Wild Food Cooking Class- 6-8:30 pm- at the Seasoned Kitchen in Flagstaff- Cost - \$35 - [www.seasonedkitchenaz.com](http://www.seasonedkitchenaz.com)

September 5th- Wild Food Walk- 9 am -12 noon- Cottonwood, AZ. Suggested donation \$20 For more information, to register for classes, or schedule an appointment please call Patty West at 928-607-3162 or email [paw3333@yahoo.com](mailto:paw3333@yahoo.com)



Hello to all at Dead Horse Ranch St. PK; Del and I really enjoy reading the "Dispatch". The story about the Pennys was wonderful. They are indeed wonderful people. Del and I were Campground Hosts from July 12, 2006 through Sep 13, 2006. Shirley and Steve Stripling had just left and the Pennys came and co-hosted with us at Quail Loop for a short time thereafter.

A short story to tell you about the Pennys and what they did to help some needy people. There was a man with two boys: one a pre-teen and the other a teenager camping in a three man tent, barely large enough for two people. While cleaning near their site, I found a note from one of their teachers telling their father to "Dress the son in appropriate clothes" or something like that. I showed the note to the Pennys. Mrs. Penny made sure that school clothing was provided to them.

An update to let all of you at Dead Horse Ranch know what Del and I have been doing since we were there in Yr 2006. In the year 2007, we were hosts at a US Fish and Wildlife Marina at Marion, Illinois, for several months; then we hosted at Purts Creek St. PK, in Illinois, for three months. Last year in 2007, we hosted at Point Lookout St Pk in Scotland, MD. It was more like a historical thing. My great grandfather was a POW there during the Civil War. After visiting Niagara Falls, Canada, we hosted at an Army COE Pk at Summersville, West Virginia, before we returned to Moultrie, GA, where we still have a home. And this year, we have finished our three months at Elephant Butte St. Pk, NM, visited five National Parks in Utah and will be Campground Host Aug 1- Oct 31 at Palomar Mtn in the San Diego County of Calif.

Glad to hear Randy is still doing his bicycling. He repaired my bicycle for me and even gave me a water bottle. Eric was so nice as Volunteer Coordinator and Les was talking about retiring.... some day. Rose and her husband were volunteers then as well as Pam and her husband. Dead Horse Ranch has always been my favorite place to host and hope to come back someday. Meanwhile, we are still enjoying traveling as much as we can and seeing the "Good Old USA". Thanks for keeping in touch. The attachment is a picture of Del and I at Elephant Butte St. Pk. NM.

Anne and Del Foster

